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FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL GREEN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SPOP, CO
SUBJ: VISIT OF DR. LUIS DAZA OF COLOMBIA

REF: STATE 203454

1. THE THIRD DOCUMENT OF THE "INVESTIGACION DE RIESGO
MATERNO - INFANTIL" SOUNDS MOST PROMISING. I
TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A BRIEF SOCIAL MEETING WITH THE NEW
MINISTER OF HEALTH DURING THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT
TURBAY TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS ACCEPTED WITH ALACRITY, THIS

WILL PROBABLY OCCUR SOMETIME DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

2. AS I INFORMED YOU DURING OUR MEETING IN WASHINGTON
I STILL HOLD THE VIEW THAT DIRECT U.S. INVESTMENT IN THE
QUESTION OF LAPARASCOPES IS POLITICALLY RISKY. MANY
OVSERVERS IN COLOMBIA ARE CONVINCED THAT THE HIGHLY
SUCCESSFUL POPULATION PROGRAM HERE IS DUE TO A CONSCIOUS
EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE GOC TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH OR
CHALLENGE TO THE HIERARCHY OR OTHER GROUPS.
THAT WOULD ORDINARILY OPPOSE SUCH MEASURES. U.S.
INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH PROGRAMS WOULD BE AN IRRESISTIBLE
TARGET FOR MANY WHO NOW TACITLY ACCEPT GOVERNMENT
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MEASURES IN THIS FIELD.

3. I AM NOT OPPOSED, HOWEVER TO SUPPORT BEING MADE
AVAILABLE AS YOU MENTIONED IN REFTEL "IN A LOW PROFILE
HEALTH-ORIENTED CONTEXT THROUGH ONE OR MORE OF SEVERAL
INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES" AND PREFERABLY THROUGH THIRD
COUNTRIES. I WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS ASPECT WITH THE

NEW MINISTER AND WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS THIS
HAS OCCURRED. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE NEED
AND THE DEMAND EXIST. I REMAIN CONVINCED THAT A
SENSITIVE APPROACH IS NECESSARY TO AVOID DAMAGING THE
EXISTING TACIT MODUS OPERANDI AS WELL AS A PROGRAM
WHICH HAS BEEN A WORLD-CLASS TRIUMPH.
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